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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 17, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

CenturyLink and Qwest Communications filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission on May 10, 2010, proposing a merger between the two companies. The merger would be a stock-for-stock transaction allowing the companies to avoid any additional debt. The Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission have already approved the merger and we encourage a prompt review of the application by the FCC.

CenturyLink and Qwest Communications have invested millions of dollars on broadband and voice networks, bringing new service to homes and businesses across the nation. A merger between CenturyLink and Qwest Communications will enhance the combined company's ability to further expand access to new services, while putting people to work.

It is important that the private industry continues to invest in expanding broadband and voice network services, especially in rural areas. As we work to turn the economy around, broadband will play an important part in keeping small and rural businesses competitive in the world market. Moving quickly to review the merger application in a timely manner will allow CenturyLink and Qwest Communications to move forward in playing its part in investing in new broadband services.

Thank you for taking the time to review our letter and for taking our thoughts into consideration.

Sincerely,



Orrin Hatch
United States Senator



Robert F. Bennett
United States Senator



Rob Bishop
Member of Congress



Jim Matheson
Member of Congress



Jason Chaffetz
Member of Congress



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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

November 29, 2010

The Honorable Robert F. Bennett
United States Senate
431 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bennett:

Thank you for your letter supporting the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I value your perspective on the potential benefits of this transaction and I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Many of the issues associated with this transaction – investment in broadband infrastructure, extending broadband to rural areas, and job creation – are among my highest priorities as Chairman. The Commission takes seriously its evaluation of transfer of control applications; and you can be assured that it will consider these issues as part of its careful and deliberate review of this proposed transfer.

Your letter will be included in the record of this proceeding. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Julius Genachowski



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The Honorable Rob Bishop
U.S. House of Representatives
123 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Bishop:

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The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
U.S. House of Representatives
1032 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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United States Senate
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Jim Matheson
U.S. House of Representatives
2434 Rayburn House Office Building
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